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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/438,358; Filed: November 12, 1999
For: **Compositions and Methods for Recombinational Cloning of
Nucleic Acid Molecules**
Inventors: Gerard *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4640001/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Our check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of a one-month extension of time for a large entity;
3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (in duplicate);
4. Reply To Restriction Requirement; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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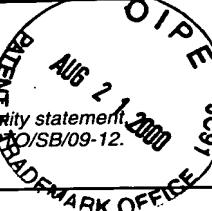


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